



Boston City Council
Stephen J. Murphy
City Councillor At-Large

June 9, 2010

Rosaria Salerno
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall, Room 601
One City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Justice Assistance Grant

Dear Clerk Salerno:

Please find the attach letter from the Boston Police Department regarding the City of Boston's Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) outlining the department's allotment in the amount of \$904,932.00. This is the amount the City is eligible to receive if they are awarded the funding.

As you will note, as a prerequisite to the application process, the Boston Police Department must provide a copy of the proposed spending plan to the local body of government.

Please be so kind as to note the timeliness of this request as outlined in the attached letter (for Boston City Council review) from the Boston Police Department.

It is also important to note that once the grant is awarded, Councilors will have an additional opportunity to review and discuss the spending plan at the requisite accept and expend hearing which will be held by the Committee on Public Safety.

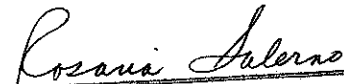
Thank you for your attention in this matter.

***In City Council* PLACED ON FILE**

Sincerely,


Stephen J. Murphy
Councillor-at-Large

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May 24, 2010

Public Safety Chairman Stephen J. Murphy
Boston City Council
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilor Murphy,

We recently received notification that the Boston Police Department will receive \$904,932.00 of the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Local Law Enforcement Formula Grant Program (JAG) from the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. As a requirement of the grant application, we must provide a copy of the proposed spending plan to our local governing body for review, at the next available hearing opportunity. This hearing should also afford the public the opportunity to be presented with the spending plan to allow for any subsequent feedback. The award is dependent upon this requirement being completed.

I am requesting your assistance in allowing us to hold a hearing on this grant application and proposed budget for fellow City Councilors and public review and feedback. Please note, that once this grant is awarded, City Councilors will have an additional opportunity to review and discuss this spending plan at the requisite Accept and Expend Hearing.

In summary, under this sixth round of Byrne/JAG funding, we plan to continue to fund those 12 staff that are currently funded under Year Five JAG grant. These employees - domestic violence advocates, research analysts, homicide advocate, technology coordinator, and grants coordinator, - would face potential layoffs after the current JAG grant ends absent this continuation funding.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 617-343-4859. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Hemali Gunaratne,
Director,
Research and Development